The Children's Corner Howick: Newsletter April 2015

Last day of term-Thursday 2nd April

April Holiday Programme

Our programme is now closed for enrolments. Please note that fees are still required to be paid if you don't attend any of the days you have enrolled for. Cindy is the person responsible for the holiday programme so any queries please let her know.

Staffing Updates

Cindy is on vacation in Taiwan for the first 3 weeks of term 2 and we will be covering her absence with our usual teachers and also the help of Anbu our current practicum student.

Taking holidays/absence during term time

We are only able to keep your child's place open at preschool if you are absent for no more than 3 consecutive weeks (this includes during holiday periods) and preschool fees still need to be paid during the period of absence. The reason for this is because the Ministry of Education has rules around child absence which can lead to us not being able to access funding for that particular child.

Website and Facebook

This is the final paper based newsletter and all further newsletters will be posted at www.thechildrenscorner.co.nz. You can access newsletters in the "Parent Portal". The user name is "parent" and the password "happy".

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those parents involved in the recent parent teacher meetings facilitated by Fiona and Jacqui. We hope you found these valuable and as always any feedback you would like to share with us on how effective you felt these were please e-mail (thechildrenscorner@gmail.com) or let us know in person.

Photographs by Maddie

We are excited to bring you the photographs recently taken by Maddie of the children and also the "Mother and Child" shots. See information overleaf on how you can access these.

Finally, thank you for your continued support this term.
Have a safe and restful holiday and we'll see you back for term 2 on the 20th April.

Photo's Available to View and Purchase at www.thechildrenscorner.co.nz

- Go to parent portal then photo galleries. The password is "happy".

- The current gallery prices are offered until 1 May 2015 then they will increase 50% to cover the costs of storage etc.

- Below you will find some frequently asked questions. You are also welcome to contact Maddie directly on 0212874770 or at maddiexxx@gmail.com.

What is the easiest way to choose photos to buy?

Add all the ones you like to a favourites selection - when you roll the cursor over the photo click on the little heart appears in the left/right top corner- then delete from there to get a final selection later. You can also add to favourites by right clicking on a photo and choosing to "add to favourites". You can control this selection from the very top left of the screen by selecting it and you can also share this selection with a spouse/parent by clicking the send button in the same place, they would need the password to access it. You may create more than one selection.

How do I buy the photos?

You may purchase them directly off the website. Look for the buy button.

What are the prices of the photos?

These are listed in the gallery itself, if you double click any photo you will see the prices in the lower right hand corner, or if you click the buy button they also come up.

How do I pay for the photos?

1. Via PAYPAL

PAYPAL is quick and easy and free to set up on line at https://www.paypal.com/nz/home

2. You may make a direct deposit to my account; Delta Rim Ltd 030275044534000

Then please email me advising the amount you have deposited and I will then issue you with a coupon code for that amount which gets entered near the end of the checkout process on my website.

How will I get my prints?

All Prints will be delivered to preschool free of charge 2 weeks after the closure date, 1 May. If you need these urgently for any reason you are welcome to email me/text to collect in Cockle Bay area or click the $6 shipping option on the shipping page and I will post them asap.

May I order a black and white copy of a coloured photo?

Yes, just email me and I will put up a black and white (or sepia or colour desaturated) version. They are the same price as the coloured options.

What is a digital photo?

A photograph in digital (electronic) format which is downloaded to your computer, you may get them printed yourself at any stage. You do not receive a printed copy or a CD or a USB, the photo is downloaded directly to your desktop by clicking on the link provided in an email to you once you have paid. This is immediate.

How will I receive my digital files?

Directly after payment is made you will receive a confirmation email with a link to download the photos directly to your desktop.

I am not very good with computers and this is all too much for me, is there an easier way?

Just email me the Image numbers (underneath the photo eg.IMG 23568bw) together with the print sizes, or product you want, and make a direct deposit to my account as per the payment option below. Feel free to call me if you get stuck.

Do you sell Prints in smaller sizes?

A5 is smallest photograph for sale; this is roughly half of A4 size. Should you specifically want smaller photographs you will either need to purchase the digitals and have them printed yourself or let me know and I can have them specially printed for you at the same cost as the A5 photographs.

I have a special frame which needs a special size of photo can you help?

Yes. Just let me know the size and I will let you know if the photo can be sized accordingly and give you a quote. A Landscape style photo can sometimes be changed to a Portrait style photo.

I plan on buying digitals and having them enlarged above A4 size myself is this ok?

Absolutely fine, but high quality photos are sized for the print intended so you may not get the best quality this way, also not every print is suitable for enlarging depending on the size you had in mind, so you may wish to check this first. You will find my large print prices extremely competitive and I take extra care in bringing out the best quality for your print because it is my work you will be displaying.

Will the print/digital I buy have the MaddieAboutYou watermark on it?

No.

Can my mother who is in London/China/South Africa purchase photos off the website?

Yes, no problem, she may purchase digital files for download and pay in the usual way. If she wants prints let me know and I can give you a quote for shipping directly.

Do you do private Family/Sibling Photographs?

I love doing them! Please email me and I will send you the details if you are interested. The Children's Corner will also be arranging a day for family photographs later in the year.

There aren't any photos of my child?

So sorry! I visited preschool for a week, so perhaps your child was absent or perhaps they didn't want their photo taken despite me trying hard. I will be returning soon to deliver prints so please email me and I will make a special effort to capture your child. Perhaps you could prepare them, no cheese smiles please only tickle smiles :))

Thank you.

Maddie Thibaud

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